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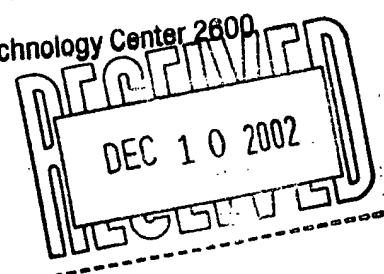
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counsel herewith submit a copy of the publication as set forth in the attached form PTO-  
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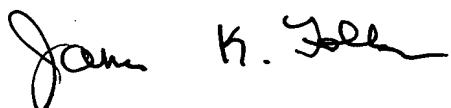
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that the citation of the above-listed references does not constitute an admission that these references qualify as prior art.

The enclosed references were cited in a Communication by the European Patent Office (copy enclosed). Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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